

soon set upon by a heavy blizzard, the result of which required the amputation of both feet. Not to be deterred, Brookings continued settle the area, eventually becoming a leader in a number of government entities. The town and county were named for him in his honor and out of respect for all he did in the settlement of Dakota Territory.

Before Brookings' arrival, the area was populated by American Indians. Large mounds that were used as burial grounds have been found in the area, as well as stone hammers and other stone tools. Fur traders entered the area as early as 1750.

Originally, settlers founded the town of Medary in 1857 in what would become Brookings County. Oakwood and Fountain, two other small settlements, were also founded at this time and all were hopeful that railroad tracks would be laid through the city. On October 18, 1879, the railroad passed through Main Street in Brookings, which greatly helped the town to grow and prosper. Many of the residents and businessmen in Medary and Fountain would eventually move to Brookings.

Currently, over 18,000 people live in Brookings. The town boasts numerous businesses, as well as South Dakota State University. The city has already started celebrations for its 125th anniversary and will continue them throughout the year. These include a "Crazy Days" celebration, a large art exhibit, and a tour of historic homes throughout the city. It is with great honor that I advise my colleagues of the achievements made by this great community.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1914. An act to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement.

H.R. 2768. an act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall.

H.R. 3277. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

H.R. 4012. An act to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to reauthorize for 5 additional years the public school and private school tuition assistance programs established under the Act..

H.R. 4818. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 462. Concurrent resolution reaffirming unwavering commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first time and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4012. An act to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to reauthorize for five additional years the public school and private school tuition assistance programs established under the Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4818. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 462. Concurrent resolution reaffirming unwavering commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2678. A bill to ensure that Members of Congress do not receive better prescription drug benefits than Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 2679. A bill to strengthen anti-terrorism investigative tools, promote information sharing, punish terrorist offenses, and for other purposes.

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3277. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

H.R. 1914. An act to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8569. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary

of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA) program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8570. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Plans and Policy Directorate, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of Defense Commercial Air Transportation Quality and Safety Review Program" (RIN0701-AA67) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8571. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8572. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Equal Opportunity and Administrative Law, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8573. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was declared in Executive Order 12543 of January 7, 1986; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8574. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's notification of its 2004 compensation program adjustments; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8575. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Inseason Adjustments Management Measures" (ID062304A) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8576. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Modify the Management of the 'Other Species' Community Development Quota (CDQ) Reserve" (RIN0648-AQ88) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8577. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibiting Directed Fishing for Atka Mackerel with Gears Other Than Jig in the Eastern Aleutian District (Statistical Area 541) and the Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area, and Announcing Opening and Closure Dates of the First and Second Directed Fisheries Within the Harvest Limit Area (HLA) in Statistical Areas 542 and 543" received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8578. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Adjustment Opening Directed Fishing for Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) for 12 Hours" (ID020204B) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.